

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL  
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 1 November 2007. It was the 230th regularly scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

1. Members present/absent and advisors and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retirees, except as indicated)

MEMBERS PRESENT

COL Bob Bunting, Co-Chair  
COL Charles A. Block (USMC)  
COL Herman S. Heath  
COL James E. Hyers  
LTC Carolyn Bost-Pittman  
MAJ Jack Swinehart  
CW4 Robert N. Cooper  
LTC Clarence R Collins  
CDR James R. Cobb

CSM Charles E. Frye, Co-Chair  
CSM James W. Harris  
SGM Samuel V. MacMaster  
1SG Jackie Ray  
MSG John J. McCracken (USAF)  
SFC Joseph N. Barnes  
SFC Bennett J. Jergenson  
SFC Ray Reed  
Mrs. Marie Wilkins

MEMBERS ABSENT

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Michael Kaminski, USAAMC  
Mr. George Steuber, DGC  
Mr. Tim Laster, DMWR  
Mrs. Gail Braley, AG

Ms. Dianne Snodgrass, PX  
Mrs. Deborah Seimer, DHR  
Mr. Mike O'Meara, Commissary

2. COL Bunting called the meeting to order at 1130.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
4. Old Business - None.
5. Committee Reports.
  - a. Public Affairs - SGM MacMaster highlighted the following events: the AAAA Chili Cook-Off on 3 November 2007 at Howze Field and the Holiday Bazaar at Yano Hall on 17 November 2007.

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- b. Legislative Affairs - The COLA for Retirees/Annuitants was set at 2.3% for 2008
- c. Health Care - The final vaccinations count at the Health Fair included 658 for flu and over 110 for pneumococcal. TRICARE has approved the shingle vaccine.
- d. Volunteer Program - Nothing to report.
- e. Consolidated Club System - A wine tasting on 16 November 2007, Thanksgiving Day buffet, 1100-1330, 22 November 2007 and the "Iron Bowl" on 24 November 2007 at the Dawn Patrol Lounge were some of the special events within the Club System this month. The Aviators' Landing celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary 3-7 December 2007 with specials all week long.
- f. Commissary - The Commissary was open the Monday of Thanksgiving week and will open the Monday before Christmas from 1000-1900.
- g. PX - David Joseph performed at the PX 2-4 November 2007. "After Thanksgiving" sales started at 0600 the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving.
- h. Golf Course - The snack bar closed 5 November 2007 until further notice. A "Turkey Shoot" was held 17 November 2007.
- i. Equestrian Center - Nothing to report.
- j. Outdoor Recreation - A hunt for youth and challenged hunters was held 10 November 2007. Some of the new cabins at the lake will open by February 2008 and work continues on the balance of the cabins.
- k. Bowling Alley - New council member 1SG Prier agreed to take over for CSM Jolley as the bowling alley POC. Smoked butts are offered for sale on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month by Miss Suzie.
- l. RAD - MAJ Swinehart agreed to take over as the RAD POC for LTC Mellish. The 2008 RAD date was selected to match the scheduled quarterly retirement ceremony on 24 October 2008. Subject to the CG's approval, the 2008 RAD will occur 24-25 October 2008.

6. Advisors Comments -

- a. Mr. Steuber, DGC, reported Fort Rucker Appreciation Day was a great success and the Army Family Covenant was signed by the Installation Command during the event.
- b. Mrs. Seimer, DHR, told everyone the new CLAS system was installed and working at the ID Cards section and that it should make this area run more smoothly.

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7. New Business - The Council publicly stated its desire to have a General Officer attend both days of the Retiree Appreciation Days to emphasize its importance. A motion was made and seconded to nominate 1SG Ken Prior to serve on the Retiree Council. The nomination was approved.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1230. The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Aviators' Landing on 3 January 2008 at 1130.

Approved via email

BOB BUNTING

COL, Retired

Co-Chairman

Approved via email

CHARLES E. FRYE

CSM, Retired

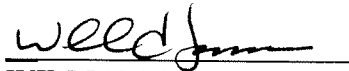
Co-Chairman

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CAROLYN BOST

LTC, Retired

Secretary



WILLIAM S. LARESE

COL, Aviation

Garrison Commander